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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR

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INCLUDING THE REPORT

OF THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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To the Chairman and Member of
the Health Committee,
Twrcelyn Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report upon the health of your Sanitary District for the year 1968.

The present year's population figure of 9,770 reflects a numerical increase of 260 over the preceding year, but the real significance of this figure is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to assess because of the continuing construction of that major building project on the Wylfa Power Station site with its associated relays of differing types of engineering firms according to the stage of the project.

It may be well to recollect that in relation of the permanently resident population the mid year figure for 1955 was 8,500. From that year onwards, and including 1963 there was an annual progressive fall of an average between 30 to 50 persons to reach the minimal figure of 7,950 in 1963. From that year onwards there has been what may only be an apparent appreciable increase to this present figure of 9,770. These obviously distorted figures of recent years have been:-

1963 - 7,950
1964 - 8,620
1965 - 9,240
1966 - 9,430
1967 - 9,510
1968 - 9,770

Until the Wylfa project is eventually actually commissioned it will not be possible to conjecture whether the inherent permanent population has continued to decline as up to 1963, has remained static, or has even increased. An additional factor is of course that apart from the parents and children arriving in the District, these parents being of the younger age groups are ex pected to correspondingly distort both the Birth rate and indirectly the Death rate of this Sanitary District.

The significance of all this is not just a mathematical exercise or game but is a pointer to the Local Authorities concerned (including this Sanitary District) in relation to planning appropriate public services for the future, taking into account the average time factor between a Council's actual resolution and the translation of that into the completed scheme.

From 1955 to 1959 the Birth rate was falling This period of decline was followed by an increase tendency from 1960 (17.3) to 1963 (18.87). This was followed by the expected appreciable increase to 21.7 in 1966 with the current year under review showing a yet further increase to 24.7. The corresponding rates for England and Wales are 16.9 and for Anglesey, as a whole, 18.6 (a fall from 20.3)

Rateable valuation has increased from the former £201,110 to £211,112 with a penny rate productivity moving from £790 to the current £814.

The total number of rateable premises within the District has increased from 4,813 to 5,509, dwelling houses now numbering 3,900 (formerly 3,174)

In conformity with the Council's policy of progressive comprehensive sewerage coverage the Llanfechell scheme commenced constructional work in the early part of the year, but most unfortunately, although the Ministerial Public Enquiry into the Pensarn scheme was held in the preceding year, no sanction had been received from the Ministry for building commencement in spite of the fact that at that Enquiry the writer stressed in his signed Proof of Evidence to the Inspector that this scheme was made all the more necessitous

by its summer tourism association not only in any area of long standing tourism industry but within an Island County where that tourism has been for many years a major industry. Proverbially tourists, being mostly townspeople, are more productive of sullage to be dealt with than other members of the community making this Pensarn scheme all the more important, an importance all the more stressed by the increased mobility of motoring visitors in an area of increasing popularity.

One can only hope National Economic states will not in any way be allowed to affect those two basic Public Health needs, - water provision and sewage disposal. The contrary would not accord with elementary common sense.

It is pleasing to note that for the second year in succession there were only two cases of Tuberculosis of which one was aged 73 years and the second aged 19. There were no epidemics of infectious diseases other than those juvenile outbreaks that are proverbially expected to occur every so many years as children grow into the liable ages.

In conclusion I should like to thank the Chairman and Members and also the Clerk and the Public Health Inspectors for their all time ready cooperation and assistance.

I am. Lady and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

G. H. B. ROBERTS

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres	53,865
Population	9,770
Rateable Value	£211,112
Sum represented by the Penny Rate	£814
Number of Rateable Premises	5,509
a) Dwelling Houses	3,900
b) Farm Houses	696
c) All Other Premises (including Business Premises)	913

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births (actual occurences)

	1967			1968		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	59	68	127	82	78	160
Illegitimate	2	11	13	4	4	8
	61	79	140	86	82	168

The Birth Comparability Factor is 1.44.

Birth Rate (total)

Twrcelyn 17.2 (crude) 24.7 (corrected)
Anglesey 18.6 16.9 England and Wales

Stillbirths

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	1	-	1

The Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total births (live and still) = 5.9.
The Stillbirth Rate for Anglesey was 14.0; England and Wales = 14.0.
The Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 population for Anglesey was 0.24.

Deaths (total)

Male	Female	Total
58	53	111

The Death Comparability Factor is 0.82.
The Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population = 11.4.
The Crude Death Rate for Anglesey was 12.7; England and Wales 11.9.
The Corrected Death Rate per 1,000 population = 9.3.
The Corrected Death Rate for Anglesey was 12.7.

Maternal Deaths

Nil.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	4	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	2	4	6

The Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births was 43.0.
The Rate for Anglesey was 0.94; England and Wales 18.0.

Deaths of Infants under four weeks of age

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	7	9
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	2	7	9

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (ALL AGES)

CAUSES OF DEATH	MALE	FEMALE
1. Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	2	1
2. Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	5	1
3. Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	2
4. Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	5	5
5. Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	-	1
6. Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	-	1
7. Hypertensive Disease	4	2
8. Ischaemic Heart Disease	19	11
9. Other Forms of Heart Disease.	1	1
10. Cerebrovascular Disease	6	16
11. Other Diseases of Circulatory System	3	2
12. Pneumonia	1	1
13. Bronchitis and Emphysema	2	1
14. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	-
15. Appendicitis	-	1
16. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-
17. Hyperlasia of Prostate	2	-
18. Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	3
19. Congenital Anomalies	-	1
20. Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	-	1
21. Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality.	1	2
22. Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	-
23. All Other Accidents	1	-
TOTAL	58	53

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis)

Disease	-1	1+	2+	3+	4+	5-9	10-24	25+	?Age
Scarlet Fever	-	1	2	-	-	3	-	-	-
Measles	7	6	17	14	13	23	-	-	3

TUBERCULOSIS

Notification of Tuberculosis were as follows:-

Age	Sex	Respiratory or Non-Respiratory
73	F	Respiratory
19	F	"

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

These services are provided by the County Council and by the General Practitioners in the District. The following figures are quoted by the courtesy of the County Medical Officer.

Vaccination against Smallpox

A total number of 124 persons were vaccinated for the first time during the year, and 66 others were re-vaccinated.

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whoopinng-Cough Immunisation

A total number of 179 were immunised against Diphtheria, 182 against Tetanus and 179 against Whooping-cough.

Vaccination against Tuberculosis

B.C.G. Vaccination is carried out by the Chest Physician in collaboration with the County Medical Officer and his staff. The scheme provides for the vaccination of new born infants born into Tuberculosis households and of Tuberculin negative contacts of known cases.

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Council Offices,
Llanerchymedd,
Anglesey.

13th March, 1970.

Mr Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for 1968.

The existing sewerage schemes were working satisfactorily during the year.

Work on the Llanfechell sewerage scheme was started on the 1st April, 1968, with a contract period of eighteen months. Good progress was made on the work during the year.

Despite the fact that the Ministry Inquiry into Pensarn - Llaneilian scheme was held in November, 1967, there was considerable delay in negotiating for a site for a macerating unit. This was not resolved until December.

Surveys were carried out at Rhosybol preparatory for a sewerage scheme and a preliminary survey was made at Talwrn.

Seven bungalows were built at Capel Coch by the Council during the year.

Bathrooms and hot water supplies were installed in the four pre-war Council houses at Bettws, Llanbedrgoch and two at site B, Penrhoslligwy.

There was a slight reduction in the number of new dwellings built privately, namely 73 as against 74 in 1967.

A substantial reduction in the number of improvement grants is to be seen, viz : 37 as against 55 in 1967. This was, in all probability due to the announcement that the amount of grant and conditions of grant were under review , thus intending applicants delayed their schemes.

The Council resolved to oppose the proposals of the C.E.G.B. for the erection of overhead lines from Wylfa Nuclear Power Station to serve Rio Tinto Zinc, Holyhead. The lines to commence at the power station. The Council wanted the C.E.G.B. to adhere to an undertaking given when the power station was built, that no further overhead lines would be erected within one mile of the station. The Council's opposition was upheld at the Public Inquiry held in December.

Once again I would like to thank the Council and all members of the staff for their help and co-operation during the year.

I am, Lady and Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,

D. H. JONES,

Surveyor & Public Health Inspector

WATER SUPPLIES

The area is now substantially served with mains water.

The Anglesey County Council carried out main extensions in Rhosybol and Coedana during the year.

On December 31st, 1968, 2,950 properties were served by a mains supply, an increase of 179 over the preceding year.

It is estimated that the population receiving a mains water supply is about 8,600.

The number of visits in connection with water supplies - 30.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Visits in connection with drainage, sewerage and sewage disposal during the year - 422.

Number of septic tanks desludged by the Department :-

Council Properties	116
Private Properties	168
Total	284

Visits in connection with new schemes - 51

SEWERAGE SCHEMES

Cemaes Bay and Benllech Schemes

The schemes are working satisfactorily.

Llanerchymedd Scheme

The treatment works functioned quite well during the year.

Moelfre Scheme

Remedial work on the sea outfall continued during the year.

Llanfechell

Work commenced on the scheme on 1st April, 1968.

Llaneilian

Difficulty in obtaining land for the macerating unit delayed going to tender.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Refuse collection is carried out by direct labour. On permanent collection is one vehicle with a crew of a driver and two loaders. Weekly collections are made in fifteen parishes and fortnightly collections in five parishes. Assistance is given by the second lorry on three days per week.

Disposal tip in use at the 31st December, 1968 is :-

Penyfoel, Llanerchymedd.

Inspections and visits relating to collection and disposal - 71.

COMPLAINTS AND NUISANCE INSPECTIONS

Number of inspections and re-visits - 84
Number of informal notices - 20

CAMPING SITES AND CARAVANS

The number of licences under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960 is for 115 sites involving 2177 caravans.

Number of inspections - 347.

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year.

Council building	7
Private building	73
Total	80

Council owned dwellings completed were :

Capel Coch 7 bungalows

Pre-war Council houses

Bettws, Llanbedrgoch and Site 'B' Penrhoslligwy	-	Bathrooms, hot water supplies and sewage disposal arrangements were installed during the year.

The only site now outstanding in this respect is Bettws, Llanbadrig 4 no. houses.

Number of houses owned by the Council on 31st December, 1968 - 493
Number of private houses completed since 1st April, 1945 - 733
Number of inspections of occupied council houses during the year together with visits whilst maintenance work was in progress. - 660

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT 1958 AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT 1959 - AND HOUSING ACT 1964.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The number of applications for improvement grants approved during the year was 37 as against 55 in 1967.

Discretionary Grants

Type of Premises	Owner Occupied	Tenanted	Total
Dwelling houses	18	4	22
Farm houses	5	6	11
	23	10	33

Total amount of Grant approved - £12,035
Average amount of grant - £ 353

Standard Grants

Type of Premises	Owner Occupied	Tenanted	Total
Dwelling houses	3	1	4
Farm houses	-	-	-
	3	1	4

Average amount of grant - £313

Visits in connection with grant applications and following up to work in progress - 228.

Housing Act 1957

Number of inspections, including inspections of houses of applicants for Council houses	-	66
Number of Section 16 Notices served	-	10

Advance for House Purchase

Advances made by the Council for purchase of houses	-	NIL

The scheme for loans was suspended on the 23rd November, 1964.

BUILDING

No. of plans received during the year	-	470
No. of visits in connection with submission of plans	-	212
No. of visits in connection with buildings during construction	-	1,203

PETROLEUM ACTS

Number of Licences	-	31
Number of visits	-	26

FOOD INSPECTION

Food Premises		Inspection
No. of Cafes and Restaurants	18	45
No. of Bakeries	4	16
No. of Fried Fish Shops	4	14
No. of Licenced Premises	16	15
No. of School Canteens	11	2
No. of Butchers Shops	7	23

Ice Cream		Inspection
No. of Manufacturers	Nil	Nil
No. of Retailers	63	71

No. of samples for Methylane Blue Test - Classified Gradings :-

Grade 1	6
Grade 2	-
Grade 3	-
Grade 4	-
Total	6

+ 4 samples spoiled in transit.

All ice cream sold in the district is prepacked.

Once again I would like to thank Mr H. A. Thomas, the County Food and Drugs Officer for his co-operation in assisting with the delivery of samples.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND MEAT INSPECTION

Number of Licenced Slaughterhouses - 1

The quality of meat is of a high standard. It is pleasing to note again that no meat was found to be affected with tuberculosis.

The number of visits to the slaughterhouse for meat inspection - 47

Date - Year ending 31st December, 1968

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	19	Nil	Nil	181	Nil
Number inspected	19	Nil	Nil	181	Nil
All Diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole Carcases condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned	2	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	*10.7%	Nil	Nil	0.5%	Nil
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to be treated by Refrigeration	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

NOTE : * The figure of 10.7% above may appear to be high but it comprises entirely of livers affected with distomatosis.

SUMMARY OF FOOD SURRENDERED AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Meat in lbs. weight	T.B.	Other Diseases
Bovine Carcases	Nil	Nil
Bovine Offals (including heads)	Nil	25 lbs.
Pigs Carcases	Nil	Nil
Pigs Offals (including heads)	Nil	Nil
Sheeps Carcases	Nil	Nil
Sheeps Offals	Nil	3 lbs.
Poultry	Nil	Nil

Other Food :-		
	Tinned Cooked ham	30 lbs.
	Tinned Ham & Pork	12 lbs.

All condemned food is disposed of by burial following staining.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

There are seven public conveniences owned by the Council, viz :- Moelfre, Cemaes Bay, Benllech Square, Benllech Beach (Wendon), Wylfa, Llanerchymedd and Llaneilian.

Number of inspections - 311.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Number of Disinfections	1
Number of visits in connection with infectious diseases	16
Number of Disinfestation of houses	-

RODENT CONTROL

Number of operators on staff	1
Inspections and treatments - all properties	1192
Farms	80
	1272

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 & 1948

Number of Factories - Power	35
- Non power	5
Number of Inspections	45
Number of defects found - want of cleanliness	3
Number of defects remedied	3
Number of defects found - sanitary conveniences	2
Number of defects remedied	2

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

Registrations and General Inspections

Class of premises	No. of premises registered during the year	No. of registered premises at end of year	No. of premises receiving inspection during year
Offices	3	9	4
Retail Shops	5	51	30
Catering establishments open to public and Canteens	3	17	12
Fuel Storage Depots	-	1	-
Total :-	11	78	46

Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

Class of Workplace		No. of persons employed
Offices		13
Retail Shops		94
Catering Establishments open to public and Canteens		49
Fuel Storage Depots		1
	Total	157
	Males	46
	Females	111

CAR PARKS

The total number in use is ten, situated at Benllech (3), Victoria Road, Cemaes, Moelfre, Traeth Bychan, Mylfa, Llaneilian, Red Wharf Bay and Cemlyn.

Charges for parking are made only at two at Benllech.

Total number of visits - 162

PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

Visits in connection with paths - 11

MISCELLANEOUS VISITS

No. of visits - 262

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT 1963

No. of visits - 3.